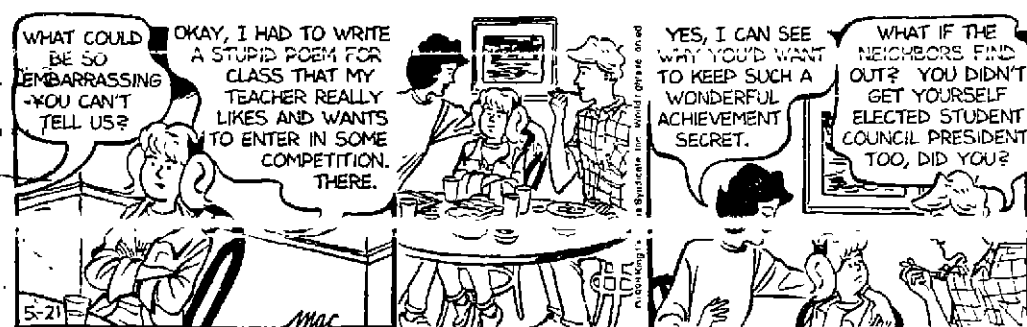


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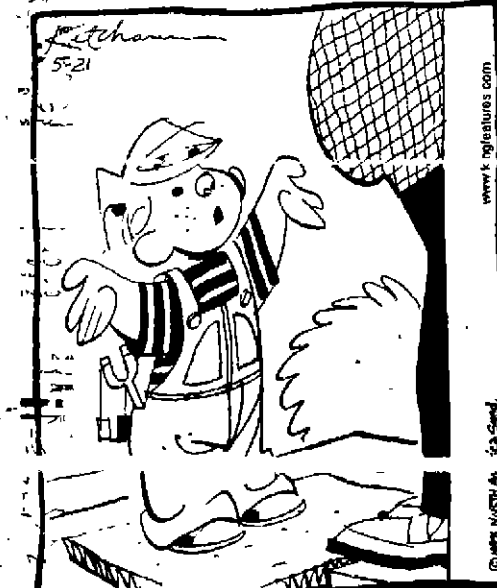
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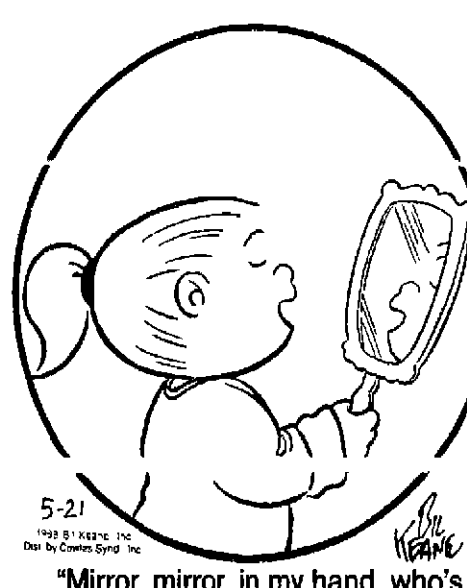
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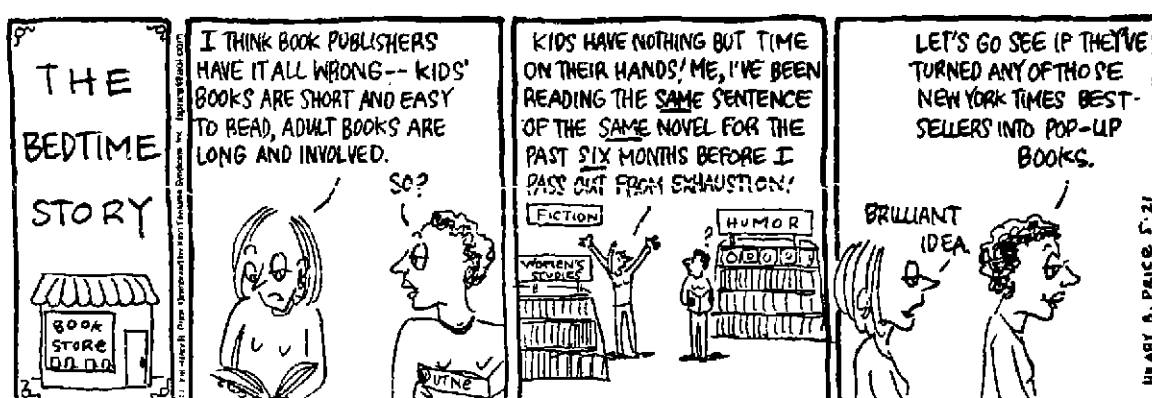
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FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, May 22, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're letting yourself be influ-

facade.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A possible change in jobs has you excited. It could be a new job title or a change of venue.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You have a tendency to be forgetful and can't seem to concentrate.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're taken by surprise by something you hear at work. In the long run, you're really not involved.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) A financial matter needs your attention. However, consult with family members before making decisions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You find a different successful way to approach a cranky bigwig, whose foul mood is soon dispelled because of your intervention.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) In the morning, your mind isn't on your work, which suffers as a result. By the afternoon, your concentration sharpens.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) No matter how hard a close tie tries, the truth will come out anyway. When it does, you're going to have to deal with it.

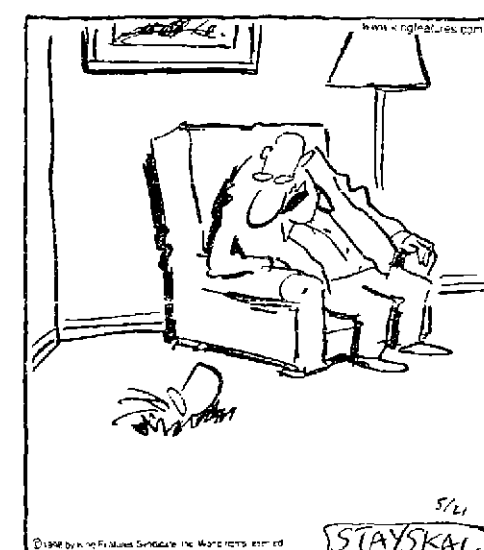
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You're in a partying mood. However, that doesn't mean you can shun work duties.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You're calm and confident as the day begins. However, something occurs that throws you off toward the end of the day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You're productive and happy for the most part. A phone call from family brings good news.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) There's a lot to be done, and you waste no time plunging right in.

RALPH



WORD SLEUTH

Triple crown of horse racing

X U S A C C T O N S L J G E C
 Z O X R A L R Y V E T L T R E
 P N M C U N L U B C A J N H T
 C I T A T I O N G R E C O A T
 Y W S R H V T T I E R M P O
 N S L O E A K M R T T D L I C
 A G E C N B D Z X A W U E S R
 S S E N K A E R P R B R B H U
 P D E M R I F F A I O R M L T
 J I G A E D Y A W A L R I H W
 B A W W E L S E L T A E S Y

Wednesday's unlisted clue: GODDESS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue hint: Largest City In Nebraska

Affirmed Cautious Seattle Slow Turcotte
 Arcaro Citation Secretariat War Admiral
 Assault Cruget Sir Barton Whirlaway
 Belmont Preakness The Derby

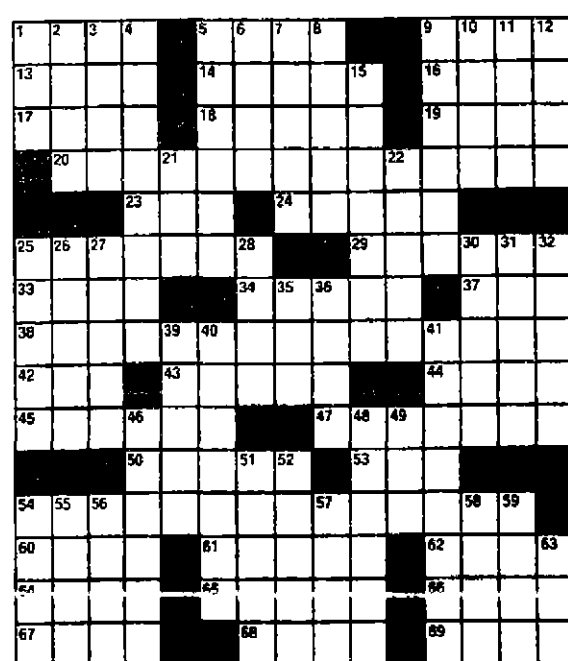
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For solution, see Classified.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0409



Puzzle by Betty Jorgensen

ACROSS

- 1 Reiner of TV
 5 Coin collector?
 9 Subject for an insurance company
 13 A Death in the Family author
 14 One of the Donald's exes
 16 Bell ringer
 17 Mine car
 18 Make — of (embarrass)
 19 Permission to go
 20 Start of a quip by 52-Down
 23 — King Cole
 24 Powerful person
 25 Stomatologist
 29 Relating to a battery terminal

- 33 Helpful information
 34 Beginning with frost or press
 37 Neighbor of Ida
 38 Middle of the quip
 42 Actress Hagen
 43 Spheres
 44 Blithe spirit
 45 Sick, to Simone
 47 Maine town with a navy yard
 50 Catch by the neck
 53 Party label
 54 End of the quip
 60 Dance for a luau
 61 Copland ballet
 62 Sanction
 64 Gateway to Paris

- 65 Staffordshire river
 66 "Mitla Pass" author
 67 A.A.A. suggestions
 68 Goals
 69 Exaggerated, as a story

DOWN

- 1 Jazzman
 2 Indian tourist site
 3 Deciphered
 4 Kind of stand
 5 Common sense
 6 Churris
 7 Upside-down smile
 8 Honolulu's — Tower
 9 Decorative water bowl
 10 "Ars amatoria" poet
 11 Fair
 12 Catch
 13 The Crimson Tide
 21 Western Hemisphere assoc.
 22 Having melodic harmony
 23 Ancient Troy
 24 Hostess Perle
 27 Word with bull or cross
 28 Olympics equipment
 30 Holmes's creator

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

MIATA ERIN DEPP
 ANGEL MENO ELIA
 PRINCE OF THE CITY
 SEN INTRO DRESS
 ONCE A ME
 THEAERIEQUEENE
 EAST NOUN LOY
 PEA GOGO OMAN
 IOVLLSOFTHEKING
 EEE FEELS
 SILVA HENRI SLY
 THEEMPEAORJAMES
 LANE LEER ARISE
 OODS OLOS HYPER

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"Too bad I couldn't have borrowed Superman's X-ray vision."

singleton king." "You didn't have to see it," answered North. "All you had to do was count your tricks." What was the meaning of North's response? South won his spade ace and immediately attacked in his longest suit. He led his club queen inviting a cover, and when West played low, South unblocked dummy's jack. The finesse lost to East's singleton king, and the punishment was swift. East shifted to his heart queen, South's king was trapped, and the cold game went one down.

What has counting tricks have to do with picking off singleton kings? Plenty. In today's layout, South can count two sure winners each in spades and diamonds. Therefore, he needs only five club tricks to make his game. He can afford to lose to a possible club king in West's hand because West cannot attack in hearts. He cannot afford to lose to East's club king because it exposes South to a fatal attack in hearts. The answer? South should forget the flimflam and lead a club to dummy's ace. If the king doesn't drop, South continues with another club, hoping West has the king. The thinking player's caution drops East's singleton king, and South has an easy claim for 10 top tricks.

NORTH 05-21 A
 ♠ 5 2
 ♥ 7 6 5 3
 ♦ A J 9 8
 ♣ A J 7

WEST
 ♠ 9 8 6 3
 ♥ A 9 4
 ♦ 6 4 2
 ♣ 5 4 2

EAST
 ♠ Q J 10 7 4
 ♥ Q J 10 8
 ♦ Q 10 3
 ♣ K

SOUTH
 ♠ A K
 ♥ K 2
 ♦ K 7 5
 ♣ Q 10 9 8 6 3

Vulnerable: North-South

Dealer: North

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 ♦	1 NT*	2 ♣	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 NT	All pass

*unbid suits

Opening lead: Spade nine

BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge America: Tuesday morning, first, Louis Bashaw; Doug Lyon; second, Janet Sinclair, Julie Sunser. Saturday evening, first/second, Al Bard, Bill Pennington; Doug Lyon, Janet Sinclair.

Bridge Studio: Sunday afternoon, first, Cornelia Yoder, Bill Barrington; second, Joe Fortino, Kathleen Young; Sunday evening, first, Ron and Rita Dewey; second, Mary and Mike Walsh; Monday morning, first, Larry and Julie Sunser; second, Ralph Carley, Sheri Macht; Monday evening, first, Larn Wafu, Dale Swift; second, Al Bard, Bill Barrington; Tuesday evening, first, Jeff King, Monny Moncrief; second, Carmen Swenson, Cornelia Yoder. Wednesday evening, first, Dick Steinbugler, Howard Cring; second, Allene Huntley, Don Paul; Thursday morning, first/second, Debi Belanger, Sheila Comerford; Janet Gillen, Shelly Peters; Thursday evening, first, Shariene Kostichka, Doug Lyon; second, Rita Dewey, Ron Dewey; Friday morning, first, Milt Rosenblum, Doug Lyon; second, Larry and Julie Sunser, Friday evening, first, Ron Enos, John Glezen; second, Howard Cring, Cornelia Yoder.

Concord: 1 NS, Cio Morris, Jane Hackbarth; 2 NS, Nancy and Phil Rude; 1 EW, Alex and Marge Weldon; 2 EW, Gayle Barrington, Doug Lyon.

Lafayette Country Club: first, Eileen Wayne, Muriel Herr; second, Fritz Smith, Betty Jane Seigle.

Liverpool: 1 NS, Dennis Cleary, Gene Marks; 2 NS, Anne Garafalo, Dot Joiner; 1 EW, Sophie Adler, Roegina Maloff; 2 EW, Hannah Dushay, Ann Marin.

Stonehedge: 1 NS, Jane Hackbarth, Cio Morris; 2 NS, Jackie Ostica, Joan Shibel; 1 EW, Mary Curtin, Mary Kenney; 2 EW, Hannah Dushay, Helene Gove.

Syracuse Contract: Wednesday evening, first, Fred Peise, John Hemmer; second/third, Hal Brigade, John Herman; Frank Kuhneman, Dale Swift, Thursday afternoon, first, Debi Belanger, MaryAnn Finn; second, Diana Cleary, Joe Conrad; Friday evening, first, Gerry Radway, Anne Simon; second, Fran Lebeuef, Murray Hall.

Western Hills: 1 NS, Maggie Christy, Lil Parkhurst; 2 NS, Ronnie Caparo, Jerry Burns; 1 EW, Joan Shibel, Jo Spone; 2 EW, Judy Sylvester, Lucy Curry.

Call 422-4114 by Friday evening to report your bridge club results.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor Anthony Steel is 78. Actress-TV personality Peggy Cass is 74. Actor Rick Jason is 72. Actor David Groh is 59. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ron Isley (The Isley Brothers) is 5. Singer Leo Sayer is 50. Actress Carol Potter is 50. Actor M. T. is 46. Music producer Stan Lynch is 43. Actor Judge Reinhold is 41.